

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Group Art Unit: 2762

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicants : Christopher SPOONER et al..

Rule 53(b) Continuation Appln. of

Appln. No.: 09/064,824

Filed : April 23, 1998

For : COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE USING
SELF-MANIPULATING TREES

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May 14, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Prior to examination, please amend the application by inserting before the first line of the specification:

--This application is a continuation of S.N. 09/064,824 filed April 23, 1998--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 21-24.

Respectfully submitted,

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